



April 8, 2025 Minutes

In Attendance:

Board: Chrissy Greer, Mimi Johnson, George Sisson, Joseph Clark, Renee Deschard, Maggie Brickerman, Colleen Ott,

MMSD/VHE Staff: Becca Stein, Sally Ludwig, Mary

Additional Community Members including Parents and Staff

Online: 8+

In-person: 19+

Call to order

A meeting of the VHE PTO was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chrissy Greer.

New business

- Board Elections
 - Kim - Communications
 - Maggie/Colleen - Co-Class Reps
 - Molly - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Adam - Continuing at-large
 - Joseph - Continuing at-large
 - Renee - Fundraising
 - Full slate moved and seconded
 - Unanimous consent
- Spots that are still open:
 - Secretary
 - Co-Vice Presidents
 - Co-President
 - Looking for someone to shadow Joseph (after-school) and Adam (carnival) for continuity
 - Can vote in May or in September if needed
- Q3 Pulse Survey Recap (Q1-Q3 trends)
 - Survey ended on Friday
 - *See slides presented.
 - Quarter 4 survey will launch mid-May. No PTO meeting to readout afterwards, notes will be posted online.

- District survey for families coming out April 14th
 - Survey is longer.
 - This survey is also given in school to all students 3rd-12th grade
- Volunteer Needs - Spring is busy! Sign-ups are on the PTO website.
 - Conferences: some potluck sign-ups are still open, but doing pretty well. Need more help for Friday morning with breakfast food.
 - Makers Fair: Looking for individuals to help with planning, securing artists and running the event. This event is designed to make gifts for teacher appreciation week. There is also a bake sale.
 - Hedgestock: looking for parents to help plan alongside “Specials Teachers”
 - Field Day: Scheduled for June 6, rain date is June 10. Will need parent support on the day-of.
- School Updates (Becca)
 - Allocation
 - *See slides presented. Slides will also be in Becca’s next newsletter.
 - Allocation is fairly steady, with a few shifts.
 - Support teams and principals have advocated for allocations to be made earlier.
 - SEA reduction (“Strategic Staffing Plan” slide) is preliminary, after the third Friday in September, that number will be finalized.
 - In last year we’ve gone from 440 to 390. Overall the district has grown by about 180 students. 440 was pretty tight - 450 is the absolute max for the building. Hamilton is at capacity.
 - Received a donation from American Family to get all new 5K lockers that are correctly sized for them.
 - Looking to add double doors when you come into Hamilton - breezeway with double doors. Getting quotes on it right now. Breezeway will also have some fogged window clings. Expense will be a partnership - usually comes from the district-wide. No timeline yet. Also looking to renovate the locker rooms in Van Hise so they can be better used as storage.
 - Incoming kindergartener playdate is May 3rd + informational meetings with Becca.

Miscellaneous

- **Trivia Night at Delta Beer Lab** - Parents Night Out to help fundraise for 5th grade end of the year field trip (May 3rd)
- **Community Building - Grownups Night Out** - Odana Golf Course from 6-9pm. Recommended \$25 donation (May 29th)